

REMARKS

The requisite Declaration is attached.

An Assignment for recordation with appropriate fee and cover sheet are attached. Recordation and return of the recorded Assignment are requested.

Attached is a copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued in PCT/EP2004/004016, dated September 23, 2005.

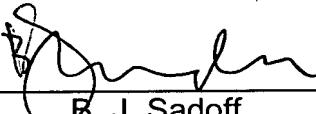
Claims 16-32 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 33-47 have been added and are pending. No new matter has been added.

The above file is submitted to be complete and in condition for examination however the Office is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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